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a configuration manger that directs the reading of the configuration information from the information card and that configures the electronic mail system in accordance with the read configuration information so that a user can then use the electronic mail system.

Amend the following claims:

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1. (Amended Once) A method in an information card generating computer system for initializing and distributing information cards that contain configuration information for configuring a computer of a user, the method comprising:

- receiving a request for an information card from a user of a user computer;
- directing execution of a program on the user computer that collects configuration information from the user computer and sends the collected configuration information to the information card generating computer system;
- storing the configuration information on an information card; and
- directing the distribution of the information card to the user so that the user can use the information card to configure a computer that is capable of reading the information card.

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4. (Amended Once) The method of claim 1 including transferring the program that collects the configuration information from the information card generating computer system to the user computer.

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9. (Amended Once) The method of claim 6 wherein the user uses the configured browser and including transmitting of information relating to the use to a central computer.

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10. (Amended Once)The method of claim 6 wherein the user uses the configured browser and including resetting the configuration of the browser when the user stops using the browser.

12. (Amended Once)A computer system for allowing access to components that are configured in accordance with the configuration of a user's computer, comprising:

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a web browser;

an information card reader for reading configuration information for the web browser from an information card, the information card being initialized based on configuration information specific to a user; and

a configuration manger that directs the reading of the configuration information from the information card and that configures the web browser in accordance with the read configuration information so that a user can then use the web browser.

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16. (Amended Once)The method of claim 15 wherein the component is a web browser.

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21. (Amended Once)A computer readable medium that can be transported by a user and read by a computer system that is accessible by multiple users, the medium containing a data structure that includes:

an identification of a user; and

configuration information relating to configuration information of a web browser that includes an indication of the web browser, an indication of a home